

Scalby Urban District Council.

REPORT

OF

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

Herewith I beg to present my Second Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the District in 1904.

The usual Tables and other Statistics required by the Local Government Board are appended to my Report.

Since last year the new Drainage system has made substantial progress, the main sewer having been practically completed to the school. The connecting Drains are now being made to join the various houses to the main sewer. A further extension of the scheme is contemplated, but has not yet received the sanction of the Local Government Board.

When the whole system is finished the drainage of the Village of Scalby will be thoroughly up-to-date.

Although there has been no serious Epidemic in the Village for many years, no doubt the scheme will lessen any chance of any breaking out.

The surface water drains will require to be properly trapped, which is a most important matter, in as much as existing sewers in the majority of cases will be converted into surface drains, and unless properly trapped will be a great source of danger.

The Drainage of the portions of the District outside the Village has not been materially changed since my last Report.

During the summer I had to report on the insanitary condition of the Church Beck. This was due to drains from neighbouring dwelling houses emptying themselves into the stream.

The Council recommended that a Dam be placed across the stream and the water be impounded, and by means of a sluice to flush the channel out twice a day.

As a temporary arrangement till the sewage scheme was completed, this was done and made a considerable difference.

Now that the sewer has been carried up to the stream, the sewage above mentioned will be taken out of the stream and cause no further danger.

The Water supply of the Village has been the subject of negotiations, the Council making arrangements to buy the concern. There were some complaints during the last two months, but this is only a temporary occurrence, and will not occur again I believe.

The Private Slaughter Houses are well looked after, all being kept clean and being well drained.

There have been no complaints in the district about the quality of the milk supply during the year.

As instructed, Mr. Scott inspected the Cowsheds and Byres in the district, and found that in a great majority the drainage was defective.

Many of the buildings have gully traps inside the buildings.

One farmer was keeping a pig in the Cow-byre.

I respectfully suggest that Bye-Laws be drafted under the Cowsheds and Dairies Act, and that a Register be kept.

The few Workshops in the District all comply with the Act.

The population is estimated to the middle of the year at 1,305, an increase of 8 over last year.

BIRTHS. There have been 24 births in the district during 1904, giving a Birth Rate of 18.3 per 1000, against 19.25 last year.

DEATHS. There have been 13 deaths registered in the district giving a rate of 10.7 per 1000.

Three of these occurred in "the Sanatorium" and were those of Non-Residents, so that the rate of deaths of Residents was 7.6, a slight decrease from 1903. The 3 deaths in the Sanatorium were from Scarlatina, Enteric fever, and Diphtheria.

There have been two deaths from Phthisis during the year, against one in 1903.

The rate for Infantile Mortality is 41.6 per 1000 births registered, which is the lowest since the district was formed.

Although there have been four deaths from Notifiable Diseases, only one really belongs to the district, a case of Erysipelas.

Two cases of Erysipelas were notified during the year, one of them as mentioned above ending fatally.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever were notified in 1904, two in the Sanatorium, and three in the Scalby Village itself.

There is no traceable cause for the three cases in Scalby.

The two cases in the Sanatorium contracted the disease there.

The three cases in Scalby were isolated, and other precautions taken.

During the year one or two nuisances have occurred and been abated.

The pigstyes at Peasholm are kept much cleaner than formerly, although there is still room for improvement.

I inspected together with Mr. Scott the school, and we considered that the sanitary arrangements were not sufficient for the number of Scholars.

I believe the School Managers are waiting till the drainage scheme is completed before making any alterations.

I have to thank Mr. Scott for the help he has given me, and I take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration to me during the past year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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